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1. Arriving at the Potsdam freight station on 23 May 1948, a Soviet reconnaissance unit with fifty-four armored cars proceeded to the compound of the former German cavalry school in Krampnitz (Z64). Troop strength could not be judged exactly because members of an artillery regiment, believed to have gone to Wildpark (Z64), arrived on the same transport. [redacted] total 2501A arrivals at approximately 2,000 men. Officers wore war decorations; EM were aged 20-22 and wore new uniforms and shoes. The armored cars appeared to be new, with fresh paint and tires and absence of discoloration on the covers of their 20 mm guns.
2. Twelve JS tanks (type number not given) which arrived at the Börgitz artillery range (Y64) on 5-6 June were joined by 80 to 100 other tanks on 9 June. The latter, said to be Tiger types, came from the direction of Burg (Y81). Infantry and AT units also are arriving at Börgitz. It is rumored that they are to remain in the area three months.
3. According to farm workers, Soviet Army units, komandatury, transient billets and police offices in Kreis Neubrandenburg are almost exclusively supplied with foodstuffs from two Soviet operated estates, one of 3075 acres at Alt Kibelich (U85) and another, of 3400 acres, at Leppien, located two kilometers west of Alt Kibelich. Approximately 945 acres at Alt Kibelich have been converted into a hog farm run by a Russian veterinary with twenty men and their dependents. Of the remaining land, a large tract has been given to new farmers under the land reform act. The entire Leppien estate is used for grain and vegetable crops and is operated by forty men. In addition, several small state farms deliver up to eighty percent of their output to local army units.

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